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SUBJ: RUPEE NEGOTIATIONS - CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

REF: STATE 172523

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CONGRESSMAN
CLEMENT ZABLOCKI AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE:

2. I VERY MUCH WELCOME AND WHOLLY SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN
THE JOHN W. MCCORMACK HOSPITAL IN BANGALORE. I HAVE
PERSONALLY LOOKED INTO THIS. IN 1969, THE UNITED STATES
MADE A HANDSOME GRANT OF ABOUT 100 MILLION RUPEES TOWARD
THE CONSTRUCTION OF NINE HOSPITALS IN INDIA. ST. JOHN'S
MEDICAL COLLEGE IN BANGALORE RECEIVED ALMOST HALF OF
THIS, SOME 48.9 MILLION RUPEES. THE MCCORMACK HOSPITAL
BUILDING IS CURRENTLY ABOUT 40 PERCENT COMPLETED, AND
SHOULD BE FINISHED IN LATE 1975. ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE
FUNDS HAS BEEN DISBURSED. THE REST HAS BEEN OBLIGATED
AND WILL BE SPENT AS CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES.

3. BECAUSE THIS PROJECT IS ABOUT A YEAR BEHIND SCHEDULE --
NOT UNUSUAL IN THESE PARTS -- AND BECAUSE OF THE RISING
PRICE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, THERE WILL LIKELY BE
SOME COST OVERRUN. MY FIRST CONCERN, WHICH I KNOW
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IS YOUR'S, IS THAT WE SEE THIS PROJECT THROUGH TO COM-

PLETION, COST OVERRUN OR OTHERWISE. OUR EXPECTATION IS
THAT ANY "RUPEE SETTLEMENT" WILL PERMIT THIS, IN FACT
WILL MAKE IT SOMEWHAT EASIER THAN MIGHT OTHERWISE BE
THE CASE, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS I WOULD LIKE TO TALK
WITH YOU ABOUT PERSONALLY. DR. KISSINGER HAS ASKED
ME TO COME TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK FOR CONSULTATIONS
AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO STAY TO SEE YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.
WARM REGARDS, PAT MOYNIHAN.
MOYNIHAN

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